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SUMMARY: EMBASSY REVIEWED INFCE FOLLOW-UP ARRANGEMENTS ON NOVEMBER 3 WITH AMBASSADOR KLJUN AT FSFA. KLJUN SAID YUGOSLAVIA WOULD ATTEND TCC MEETING IN VIENNA, DECEMBER 12, AND WOULD BE INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN PARTICIPATING IN WORKING GROUPS 1, 3 AND 6. HE CONVEYED THANKS TO AMBASSADOR SMITH AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO USG FOR SUCCESS OF ORGANIZING CONFERENCE. KLJUN RAISED PROBLEM OF HEAVY FINANCIAL COSTS TO YUGOSLAVIA AND LDGS, WHICH FULL PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE INFCE WORK WOULD ENTAIL, AND SAID YUGOSLAVIA UNDERSTOOD NEED FOR NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS BUT CONSIDERS TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO THE ISSUE OF FIRST IMPORTANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. ECONCOUNS MET NOVEMBER 3 WITH AMBASSADOR EDO KLJUN, SPECIAL COUNSELOR FOR NUCLEAR AFFAIRS AT FSFA TO REVIEW INTERIM FOLLOW-UP ARRANGEMENTS AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL. KLJUN HAD ATTENDED ORGANIZING CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON AND WAS AWARE MOST OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS, BUT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CHANCE TO REVIEW AND UP-DATE. HE SAID
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YUGOSLAVIA WOULD ATTENDED FIRST MEETING OF THE TCC IN VIENNA, DECEMBER 12, AND VOICED SURPRISE THAT IAEA REP HAD DECLINED TO ASSUME SECRETARIAT ROLE FOR TCC THERE. WITH REGARD TO WORKING GROUPS, KLJUN SAID YUGOSLAVIA INTENDED TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUPS 1, 3 AND 6 ON URANIUM RESEARCH, SUPPLIES AND STORAGE SYSTEMS, RESPECTIVELY. HE ADDED THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN YUGOSLAVIA WAS NOT

INTERESTED IN OTHER GROUPS, HOWEVER, AND NOTED THAT CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE PROVIDED FOR ALL STATES TO HAVE ACCESS TO ALL INFCE DOCUMENTS, NOT JUST THOSE PERTAINING TO WORKING GROUPS.

2. LKJUN ASKED SPECIFICALLY THAT HIS THANKS BE CONVEYED TO AMBASSADOR SMITH FOR SUCCESSFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER IN WHICH ORGANIZING CONFERENCE HAD TAKEN PLACE, AND EXPRESSED REGRET THAT TIME HAD NOT PERMITTED PERSONAL MEETING WITH SMITH AT CONCLUSION. KLJUN STATED THAT FIRST REACTIONS IN BELGRADE TO THE INFCE HAVE BEEN POSITIVE. HE NOTED THAT INITIALLY THERE HAD BEEN RESERVATIONS ABOUT CONFERENCE AIMS AND COMMITMENTS, BUT THAT THE USG, PARTICULARLY THROUGH SMITH'S OPENING SPEECH, HAD ELIMINATED SUCH RESERVATIONS. HE ADDED THAT THE US DELEGATION HAD BEEN VERY FLEXIBLE AND HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WISHES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH WAS MUCH APPRECIATED. KLJUN WENT ON TO SAY THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD INSIST, AS IS PROVIDED IN THE COMMUNIQUE, THAT ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL STATES. HE SAID INFCE FOLLOW-UP ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE OPEN TO ALL, AND NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN OR CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO THE FURTHER WORK, THE RESULTS OF SUCH UNCLASSIFIED

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WORK WOULD BE USEFUL TO THEM. MANY SUCH COUNTRIES WILL EVENTUALLY ACQUIRE NUCLEAR FACILITIES, HE SAID, AND THE INFCE SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUSIVE LIKE THE "LONDON CLUB". IT IS NECESSARY, THEREFORE, THAT THE IAEA PLAY A MAJOR ROLE. THE VIEW OF THE US ON THIS-- THAT THE IAEA SHOULD BE GIVEN A SPECIAL ROLE--WAS IMPORTANT AND HELPED REMOVE MANY INITIAL DOUBTS.

3. KLJUN THEN RAISED PROBLEM OF FINANCIAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATION IN INFCE FOLLOW-UP ARRANGEMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN WORKING GROUPS, WHICH WOULD BEAR HEAVILY NOT ONLY ON YUGOSLAVIA BUT EVEN MORE SO ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA. SUCH COSTS WOULD BE INCURRED FOR TRAVEL, PERSONNEL, SPECIAL STUDIES, DATA BANKS, ETC KLJUN CALLED THIS FINANCIAL PROBLEM SERIOUS AND SAID IT THREATENED FULL COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN FUTURE WORK OF INFCE. HE SAID HE HAD RAISED MATTER WITH DUS NYE, AND HAD PROPOSED TO HIM CREATION OF "FOUNDATION" BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ASSIST IN FUNDING LDC ACTIVITIES.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO NINE-PART STUDY UNDERTAKEN ON NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND SAFEGUARDS, LKJUN STRESSED THAT MOST GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING YUGOSLAVIA, WOULD CONSIDER FINDINGS OF THIS STUDY AND TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT BUT COULD NOT MAKE COMMITMENT THAT SUCH FINDINGS WOULD NECESSARILY BE ADOPTED. LKJUN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE STUDY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO FUTURE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND NOTED THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CAN PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRIES SUCH AS YUGOSLAVIA. HE SAID YUGOSLAVIA WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT NEW INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARD GUARANTEES, IF NECESSARY, BUT NOT IF THEY WOULD JEOPARDIZE EXISTING AGREEMENTS.
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HE SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS AND THE NEED FOR SAFEGUARDS, BUT FEELS MATTER OF FIRST IMPORTANCE IS TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY ITSELF, AND THAT QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDS SHOULD THEN BE ADDRESSED. LKJUN CLOSED BY EMPHASIZING ONCE AGAIN HIS DEEP APPRECIATION TO AMBASSADOR SMITH AND STATE DEPARTMENT COLLEAGUES.
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